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PECULIAR ECONOMY

A committee representing Bisbee, Douglas and Pearce, on Monday, appeared before the board of supervisors in Tombstone and endorsed a plan whereby an additional court room and judge's office would be created inside the present county building and under which arrangement at least three other offices would be scattered from one end of the county seat to the other. All of which calls attention to the fact that additional superior courts, where there is little or no need for them, are expensive luxuries, however estimable and able they may be in the person.

If the plan, as proposed by the committee, should be adopted it would mean an expenditure, approximately, of \$30,000. This would provide the renovated office space for additional court room and judge's office in the court house and improved offices in other property in the town of Tombstone. The figure also includes prospective rents which would be paid over a period of four years. The period of four years was taken as a basis for the reason that, under the usual construction of the county seat removal law, another vote on this question can not be taken until 1924. A large part of this expense would be rentals and improvement to property owned by private individuals.

Against the foregoing plan there is said to be a proposition, entertained favorably by at least two of the supervisors, to enlarge the present court house so as to house all the offices now there and, in addition, to take care of the new superior court. This plan, according to estimates, would entail an expenditure of approximately \$50,000. It is offered as an argument in favor of the last proposal that greater convenience would be the result; that Cochise county would be improving its own property and that there is every possibility of the county seat remaining in Tombstone for more than four years.

The Cochise county court house does need improvement. Certain offices need additional room and the situation is further complicated by the creation of another superior court. Of the two plans proposed there is one thing to be said in favor of improving the court house—it would be improving Cochise county property and eliminating the possibility of scattering county officials over the town. On the other hand there is every reason to believe that neither plan is absolutely necessary. Until the superior court is overburdened with work, or until general business conditions improve to the point where added expenditure will not be felt, the building could be used as it is with only the most necessary repairs and alterations to suit the cases as they arise.—Bisbee Review.

JUDGE STANFORD AND DISAGREEABLE FACTS

Judge R. E. Stanford, of the superior court of Maricopa county, one of the most esteemed citizens of the Salt River valley, and known throughout the state, invited certain condemnation Sunday afternoon at a meeting held in the Central Methodist Church of Phoenix, when he declared in favor of segregation as the most practical remedy for the social evil.

"Reform schemes are all right, but unless we take steps to segregate the scarlet woman and keep her apart from our children, we are making little progress toward the desired goal," Judge Stanford declared.

"We would close the dance halls because we believe that they breed immorality, and yet we would turn the young girls upon the streets to associate with women of the underworld. We would offer our daughters to the white slave trade now plying in the United States and throughout the world.

"I favor a properly regulated segregated district as a real remedy for our existing social ills. To such a district we could confine the immoral and relieve a constant menace to our boys and girls. The promiscuous violation of our social laws will never, never stop unless something is done. I say these things realizing full well that I am bringing the condemnation of this audience upon my shoulders," the judge concluded.

These are disagreeable facts that Judge Stanford dares to utter before a meeting sponsored by a ministerial union. Yet they are facts and should be faced as such. They should be considered practically instead of theoretically. Judge Stanford, through his experience in handling hundreds of juvenile and delinquency cases in Maricopa county, has had ample experience to guide his judgment. He is not uttering mere platitudes. He is, as he said, "bringing down the condemnation" of well-meant people, who do not face facts but who imagine a condition of affairs tantamount to an Utopia, "upon his shoulders."

"Reform schemes are alright," remarks Judge Stanford, "but we must take steps to segregate, etc." There is the key to the situation. "Reform schemes" in the main are impossible flights of fancy by people who so sugarcoat cold and objectionable facts that many people swallow them without realizing their ineffectiveness. A Bisbee physician is responsible for the statement that there is more venereal disease in the Warren District than at any time in a matter of fifteen years. Such experience could be multiplied in various parts of Arizona. The Phoenix condition must be bad or Judge Stanford would hardly be so unequivocal in his opinion.

Whatever we may think of Judge Stanford's opinion

on the age-old social ill, we must acknowledge that his determination to face nasty and repellent facts, if emulated consistently, will do more toward solving our problems than "reform schemes" which only drive the cancer further into the body politic.—Bisbee Review.

CHRIST AND THE PROFITS

No, this heading is not an error. We mean just what it says—profits, not prophets. And we intend to prove in a few words that the more you take Christ into partnership in your business, your work and your everyday life, the larger your profits are going to be, not only spiritual yand in happiness, but actually in a financial way.

All agree that something is wrong somewhere all over the world. What is it? It is materialism, ignorance and greed. Materialism and greed brought about the war, and ignorance begets both. Two remedies must be applied before existing wrongs can be righted to any appreciable extent—education and the basic groundwork of the Christian religion—the teachings of Jesus Christ. These things will obliterate greed, graft, dishonesty, disloyalty and crime in just exactly the same proportion they are embraced and applied.

This means not only the world, the nation, the state, the community and the near neighborhood, but it means YOU! You, individually, because you, in a broad sense, means the whole world. We mean to tell you that as you get the teachings of Christ into your mind and heart and system that you are going to have more worldly goods, more money in the bank, more respect from your fellow man, more happiness and more contentment. You don't have to make a loud noise about it; don't even have to attend church regularly if you are not so inclined; Christ didn't but he LIVED his religion instead of only professing it. Never mind creeds, dogmas and cults. Grab the basic truths of religion and the rest will take care of itself and so will your material welfare and profits. First, realize that you are only here for a brief time; second, that immortality is true, or else absolutely nothing is true, and you may as well be a cog or a bug as a man. Get this into your mind. There is gratification of the merest desire of the most insignificant thing that crawls; that the most powerful passion is the dread of annihilation and the longing for continual life. If death were to end all, there would be a violation of all natural law, which of itself would be a miracle. Whether you argue from Revelation or Reason, or both, you have got to acknowledge that either the great devotional desire implanted in the human heart of all mankind for immortal life has its correlative or concede that all Nature is a poor blunderer, and all the prattle about her immutable laws is sheer nonsense.

The more you get these great truths implanted in your mind and heart the less wrong you will do and the more good. And this implies to all mankind. Try it out and see for yourself. It does not cost a cent and is the biggest investment anybody ever made, spiritually, morally, financially and every other way.

This editorial was inspired by a remark made by a prominent business man. He said: "Take the average American business man; subtract from his mentality ONE qualification—that of MAKING MONEY. Put the rest of his brains in a jackass and he'll run backwards."

Whether or not his statement is correct, we leave the reader to judge, but it is a fact that a partnership with Christ can mean only one thing—additional profits, worldly and otherwise.

WESTERN FARMERS NOT ON STRIKE

Eastern papers recently have been filled with absurd stories regarding a strike upon the part of Western farmers. According to these stories, the farmer is trying to starve out the consumers in the centers of the population, trying to force prices up to an unreasonable point, and is refusing to sell any of his produce at a less figure than obtained during war times. It is represented that the farmer is sitting back in the midst of plenty, financially independent and keeping his cereal products in the grainary and his livestock under shelter until the rest of the country comes to terms. Even though these stories are written out of sheerest stupidity and utter ignorance of the conditions in the agricultural sections of the country, they are none the less inexcusable and indefensible, because they are breeding among the consumers and laboring people an unjustifiable spirit of resentment against the farming communities, and are creating a class distrust in this country which should have no place here, the existence of which will only render more difficult the solution of the Nation's domestic problems. It would be the part of honest journalism, as well as the part of true Americanism, if Eastern newspapers would ascertain the facts regarding the condition of the farming communities in the west. They would find that instead of the farmer going on a strike and deliberately withholding his products from the market while he takes his ease, with money in the bank and plenty of provisions in his larder for his own consumption, he is unable to market his products.

A HIGHWAY COMMISSION

So far it looks as if the bill introduced yesterday in the Senate by Senator Schleimer, of Santa Cruz county, for the creation of a Highway Commission for the state, consisting of one commissioner from each legislative district would evoke the first big fight, for it seems hardly possible a commission of 39 men could work effectively on such an important matter. Another bill introduced is that of Senator Celora M. Stoddard, of Maricopa, for the regulation and control of highway traffic in Arizona.

This indeed is needed badly in Arizona, as headlights, weight of loads, kinds of tires and the naming of kinds of vehicles that may travel Arizona highways is needed badly, as we recall tractors with lugs on tearing up our highways. All such things need regulation.

It costs to keep up an automobile, of course, but it also costs to keep a baby buggy properly functioning year after year as Time waddles along.

NAILING DOWN THE BORDERLAND

The route of the Borderland Highway, as pioneered and determined by official pathfinders, will stand, according to J. C. Keating, president of the Pacific coast division of the Bankhead Highway Association, who has just returned to Phoenix from a meeting of division presidents of the highway association at Birmingham, Alabama, and is quoted by the Arizona Republican as saying the meeting voted to endorse the route as heretofore determined. This route includes the traverse of the Borderland route and it puts a quietus upon attempts to change the routing of the transcontinental highway, including that fathomed by certain members of the Arizona Good Roads association, acting under the name of the Southwest Highway association, to deflect the Bankhead highway route northwesterly in New Mexico, eliminating Douglas, Bisbee and Tucson. If this action is final, the victory of the Borderland route's defenders is complete against nearly ten years of plotting by Col. Dell M. Potter and his associates. So if the movement initiated by southern Arizona towns to have the Borderland section of the transcontinental way a westward straight-away from Tucson to Yuma over the new highway being built jointly by Pima and Yuma counties, did nothing else, it was worth while. It is well to remember, too, that the mere designation of a highway by name does not make it the most traveled route, and that travel will flow by the most convenient and the most inviting channels.—Arizona Daily Star.

DON'T JUMP—STICK!

Roger Babson, expert on business statistics, evidently believes in the ancient advice, "My son, observe the postage stamp." Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

"Stick to your job," said Mr. Babson in a recent address. "If it isn't paying as well as it should compared with other jobs, it will pay more than others in the future. There are good opportunities in every line of business, and the opportunities are about equal."

"Until recently there was a great demand for men in certain lines, but these men have been getting very large wages, and this fact has attracted many men to the industry and ultimately overcrowded it."

"Your best opportunity today is the thing at which you are working. The thing which is easiest to sell today will be hardest to sell tomorrow. The hardest today will be easiest to sell tomorrow."

It doesn't require much reflection to make these words convincing. Most of the snap jobs of the past few years were in lines which are making heavy weather right now, and those who sought them are looking for work. On the other hand, jobs of which the holder was a little ashamed before his more opulent friends are forging ahead steadily to the advantage of those who held on.

ARIZONA'S CHANCE

In the various reclamation projects being considered which involve the use of the water of the Colorado river, the needs of California and the benefits that will accrue to that state are too frequently stressed. California, the larger, wealthier state, has always had the lion's share of the good things which God and the government have had to bestow. It is Arizona, vastly more than California that needs first chance at irrigation from the Colorado.

Arizona has 5,000,000 arid, unused acres that could be reclaimed by the waters of the Colorado and Gila rivers, according to an estimate just made by George Maxwell, an irrigation engineer of that state. Mr. Maxwell's estimate was made to the legislature. Arizona is willing to give California as much as she gets herself. The proposed distribution of waters is: two-fifths to California, two-fifths to Arizona, and a fifth to Mexico.

Considering the needs of the three regions and Arizona's undisputed dependence on water for crop production the suggested division is more than fair. If Arizona can be assured of a fair division the legislature would make no mistake in stretching a point to make an appropriation for getting the water.—El Paso Herald.

TIME FOR STERN MEASURES

As a result of the criminal activity from which the whole country is suffering there is a very general demand that here be a suspension of all light sentences, paroles, pardons, easy bail requirements and the like in criminal cases. There is little doubt that such a proceeding would have a wholesome effect upon the situation.

Those who are deeply interested in prison reform object to this removal of clemency, and call attention to the many reforms which have been made under the lenient system. It is of course unfortunate that the man who might prove a desirable citizen is given his second chance should be forced to forego it because another man would resume his civil ways. But, after all, what brought the first man into custody? He is a law-breaker, a deliberate enemy of society if he is not a crazy one, in which case he manifestly should be restrained. If he wanted to enjoy the freedom of his fellow citizens he had the same opportunities to keep within the law which they did. If he regrets his choice later, that is up to him.

At any rate, under the clemency system crime has increased alarmingly, and is far more flagrant in this country than in those where less mercy is shown. If the removal of its advantages will keep men straight in the first place, there can be little doubt which is better for the individual and for society. It is time for a revival of the more drastic system.

Remorse of conscience caused a Philadelphia man to pay to the city \$2000 taxes he had dodged. We did not know anybody in Philadelphia had a conscience, but probably we have been judging by Boise Penrose.

A dispatch from Indiana tells of barber shops where rouge and lip-sticks are used on young men. We're like to be the father of such a young man just about three minutes.

WORDY BATTLE IS FOUGHT IN OFFICE OF THE BOARD

CLIFTON, Ariz., Jan. 19.—There was a hot time in the office of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday morning last in which former County Engineer Vandercock and Assistant County Engineer Twynham were the actors. At times, during the heated discussion, Mr. Twynham was ably supported by his wife, who at one stage of the proceedings is alleged to have declared to her husband: "If you don't whip that fellow (Vandercock) I'll do it myself."

Whereupon, it is alleged that Twynham agreed to do the job when he got the former county engineer on the outside. During this act Vandercock, playing up center, announced that the officers of the law would look after Twynham's case, and sure enough they did. The former assistant county engineer is now under a peace bond in the sum of \$300.

The fracas in the office of the board was brought about by the issuance of a subpoena by the Chairman of the board, on the complaint of B. Vandercock, commanding F. J. Twynham to appear before the board with records and notes pertaining to the Clifton-Springerville road.

In answer to the subpoena the former Assistant Engineer appeared and Chairman Stanton came down from Maricopa to receive the records consisting of two field note books.

Mr. Twynham was indignant at the procedure and stated that the records had been given into his keeping by the county engineer to enable him to complete some work he was engaged upon in connection with the pending lawsuit of Webster & Kirby against the county, and that the County Engineer could have had the records for the asking. The former county engineer disagreed with the statement by his former assistant and the wordy battle started. Such epithets as "crook," "liar," etc., were bandied about in a careless manner, followed by threats of violence.

Chairman Stanton sat back in his chair and got both ears full and the court house attaches were afforded the first diversion they have had since the first of the year.

NEGRO TROOPER SAYS HE SHOT NACO WOMAN

BISBEE, Jan. 20.—With four bullet wounds in her body, Ella Jackson, negro, is in a critical condition in the hospital, and Louis Crutcher, negro trooper with the 10th Cavalry stationed at Naco, is held in the county jail at Lowell after giving himself up and confessing that he shot the woman Tuesday noon in a quarrel in a house at Naco.

The house where the shooting took place is known as the old Frazer property, at the foot of Main street, Naco, on this side of the line. Captain Rider, in command of the troops stationed at Naco, was laying on his bunk at the camp when Crutcher ran in, threw his gun on the bed, and told of the shooting.

Crutcher said that he shot in self defense. He said that he quarrelled with Ella Jackson concerning the possession of a letter and that she ran into the next room with the avowed intention of getting a gun. At this point he said that he drew his own gun and fired four times.

Immediately after the shooting Crutcher ran to the camp and to Captain Rider's quarters, where he gave himself up. He was taken in custody by Deputy Sheriff Lee Hall and is held in the jail at Lowell. No charges have been placed against him pending more definite information as to whether Ella Jackson will survive or not. According to Hall the negro will be charged with intent to murder or assault with intent to commit murder, depending on whether or not the woman lives.

Captain Rider said yesterday that Crutcher did not do the shooting with his army gun.

DON'T NEED HORSES

PHOENIX, Jan. 19.—Horses which were shipped from the remount depot, El Paso, Texas, to the Arizona national guard for equipment of two troops of state cavalry here will be shipped to Carlisbad, N. M., for use there, in accordance with orders received by the adjutant general's office here from the war department.